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The Honorable Nestor R. Garcia, Chair and Members of the Budget Committee Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Garcia and Councilmembers:

Subject: City Council Bill No. 16 (2009), CD1 Executive Capital Budget and Program

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on Bill 16, CD1, Executive Capital Budget and Program.

Rehabilitation of Street (\$11,500,000 HI Decrease)

We respectfully request consideration to restore the full amount. Reduction of funds to \$65,500,000 represents a ~15% cut from the previous year's budget. The City is committed to make rehabilitation of streets a top priority due to the many City & County streets requiring repair. Continuous claims from the public for damages incurred due to the deteriorated roads contribute to the City's costs. Reducing funds for this program delays necessary work and costs more in the long-term. FY09 funds have been allocated to various rehabilitation projects and are in the process of being encumbered.

Procurement of Major Equipment (\$604,500 GI & 635,000 HI Decrease)

The Department respectfully requests reconsideration of the proposed decrease. Fiscal Year 2008 funds for equipment were unusable. Due to significant reductions to this program prior to 2005, the Department is already behind in replacing older equipment. Older equipment is less reliable and costly to repair. The proposed decrease will impact the Department's ability to provide core health & safety services to the public in stream cleaning, flood control, and storm drain cleaning.

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Kapolei Consolidated Corporation Yard (\$1,170,000 GI Decrease)

The Department respectfully requests restoration of construction funds for the current phase of this project. Reducing over half of the requested construction funds for this project will disrupt construction of an integral phase of Kapolei Corporation Yard. The City's heavy vehicle & equipment operator training facility is required to train & certify road, refuse, wastewater, and other City heavy vehicle and equipment operators on the safe operation of large equipment. The lack of a permanent facility for over 30 years has resulted in moving costs, costs due to scheduling and other costs associated with using temporary locations. Construction delays will cost more in the long-term.

Public Building Facilities Improvements (\$80,000 GI Decrease)

We support deletion of \$80,000 design funds for Honolulu Hale Fountain repairs and propose addition of \$25,000 planning funds instead. The fountain leaks and needs to be repaired. In light of the historic status of the fountain, planning funds are recommended to proceed with appropriate repairs.

Thank you for positively considering our requests.

Sincerely,

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